

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

WE CLAIM:

1 (PRESENTLY AMENDED). A method of making chew rolls comprising:

providing a clean hide;

infusing the clean hide with an ingredient including at least one of a food color and food flavor to form an infused hide;

cutting the hide to make hide pieces having two opposed sides;

rolling the hide pieces into individual rolls; and

drying the rolled hide pieces to make chew rolls, said chew roll having a taste or appearance attractive to an animal due to said at least one of said food color and food flavor.

2 (CURRENTLY AMENDED). The method of claim 1 further comprising providing the hide pieces [are] with a plurality of holes, said holes being arranged and constructed to promote dental health when the rolls are chewed by a mammal.

3 (CANCELLED).

4 (CURRENTLY AMENDED). The method of claim 1 further comprising forming the chew rolls with crescent shaped windows shaped and sized to promote dental health when the rolls are chewed by a mammal.

5 (ORIGINAL). The method of claim 1 wherein said hide is infused with a mixture including a food flavor and a food color.

6 (CURRENTLY AMENDED). The method of claim 1 further comprising forming [strings] strips of said hide at least on one side of the hide pieces, said strips defining dental floss.

7 (CURRENTLY AMENDED). The method of claim 6 further comprising forming [strings] strips on both sides of the hide pieces.

8 (CURRENTLY AMENDED). The method of claim 7 further comprising cutting said pieces along said sides to form said [strings] strips.

9 (ORIGINAL). The method of claim 8 wherein said strips extend generally in parallel to a longitudinal axis of the chew roll.

10 (ORIGINAL). A method of making dental chew rolls comprising:
preparing a clean hide by processing an animal skin;
infusing the clean hide with at least one of a flavor and color to make an infused hide;
cutting the infused hide into hide pieces having ends;
forming on said hide piece ends elongated strips;
rolling said hide pieces into cylindrical shapes with the elongated strips extending from said ends; and
drying the hide pieces to make chew rolls.

11 (ORIGINAL). The method of claim 10 further comprising

providing in said hide pieces a plurality of internal cuts along a lateral surface.

12 (PRESENTLY AMENDED). The method of claim [10] 11 wherein said internal cuts extend through the hide pieces and are arranged and constructed to promote dental health.

13 (ORIGINAL). The method of claim 11 wherein said internal cuts are arranged in a two-dimensional array.

14 (ORIGINAL). The method of claim 10 wherein said strips extend longitudinally, generally in parallel to the longitudinal axes of the cylindrical shapes.

15 (ORIGINAL). The method of claim 10 further comprising agitating said hides during said infusing step.

16 (PRESENTLY AMENDED). A dental chew roll comprising: a generally cylindrical body with a lateral cylindrical surface and two ends; and strips integrally formed with the body and extending longitudinally at said two ends, said [stripes] strips and said body being sized and shaped to arranged to improve the dental characteristics of the roll when chewed by an animal.

17 (CURRENTLY AMENDED). The dental chew roll of claim 16 wherein said lateral cylindrical surface is formed with a plurality of cuts [are] arranged in a two-dimensional array.

18 (ORIGINAL). The dental chew roll of claim 16 wherein said body has cuts formed crescent shaped windows.

19 (PRESENTLY AMENDED). The dental chew roll of claim 16 wherein said body comprises a hide piece rolled into a spiral about a longitudinal axis so that several portions of the hide piece overlap with said strips extending generally along said longitudinal axis.

20 (ORIGINAL). The dental chew roll of claim 16 further comprising a coating on said body, said coating being made of at least one of a flavor and a color.

21 (ORIGINAL). The dental chew roll of claim 16 wherein said body has a length in the range of between about 4 and 9 inches and a diameter in the range of between about 2.0 and 4.0 cm.

22 (NEW). The method of claim 10 wherein said strips are sized and shaped to form dental floss.

23 (NEW). The dental chew roll of claim 16 wherein said strips are shaped and sized to form dental floss.

24 (NEW). The dental chew roll of claim 23 wherein said strips are between 2.5 and 8cm long.

25 (NEW). The dental chew roll of claim 23 wherein said strips are about 1cm wide.

26 (NEW). The dental chew of claim 16 wherein said body includes a sheet of animal hide, said hide having parallel cuts to form said strips.